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SUBJECT: STATUS OF VHF AERONAUTICAL EQUIPMENT AND GEO-
THERMAL PROJECT

REFS: (A) REYKJAVIK 356; (B) COMICEDEFOR 091600Z MAR 78.

1. VHF AERONAUTICAL GEAR: DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT PLANNED
FOR EARLY SUMMER 1978 WITH INITIAL OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1978. ENGINEERING AND INSTALLATION
PLANS ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT. WE ANTICIPATE NO DELAYS. FAA
AND DEFENSE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET MARCH 29 TO IRON OUT
DETAILS OF TRANSFER OF FAA EQUIPMENT. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED
TO INFORM GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND THAT WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO
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DELIVER EQUIPMENT IN SUMMER OF 1978 WITH OPERATIONAL
CAPABILITY TO FOLLOW THEREAFTER.

2. GEOTHERMAL HEATING PROJECT: THE NAVY HAS FORMALLY
APPROVED THE GEOTHERMAL HEATING PROJECT. SINCE THE PRO-
POSAL STILL REQUIRES CONCURRENCE FROM OTHER ELEMENTS WITH-
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO

DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH ICELANDIC OFFICIALS. MOREOVER, WE MAY WISH TO KEEP PENDING FAVORABLE DECISION ON GEOTHERMAL PROJECT IN RESERVE TO SOFTEN IMPACT IN EVENT OF NEGATIVE DECISION ON DUAL-PURPOSE TERMINAL.

3. THIS IS JOINT STATE-DEFENSE MESSAGE. COOPER

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